REMARKS

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This communication is responsive to Office Action of March 23, 2005 in which the following objections were raised: [2] Claims 3 and 8 were objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; [3] Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 35, 39 and 40 were objected to due to informalities; [4-10] Claims 1-11, 33-35 and 39-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,601 to Eldridge et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,841 to Wolff et al.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's detailed Office Action and the indications of allowable subject matter in Claims 3 and 8.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1, 6 and amended Claims: 2-5, 7-11, 33, and 39,41. The Claims remaining for Examination are: 2-5, 7-11, 33-35, 39-41.

2: Claims 3 and 8 ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objected to Claims 3 and 8 but indicated them to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in dependent Claims 3 and 8. The Applicant has amended each claim into Independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner withdraw this objection as to these claims.

3: Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 35, 39 and 40 OBJECTED TO DUE TO INFORMALITIES

The Examiner objected to Claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 35, 39 and 40 due to informalities.

Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant has canceled Claim 1. The Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner withdraw this objection to these Claims.

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4-10: Claims 1-11, 33-35 and 39-41 REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-11, 33-35 and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,430,601 to Eldridge et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,841 to Wolff et al.

The Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 6 and amended dependent Claims 2,4,5 and 7, 9-11, 41 to depend from corresponding ones of allowable amended Independent Claims 3 and 8. Applicant has amended Independent Claims 33 and 39 to include the limitations found in allowable Claims 3 and 8.

The Examiner refers to the Mousseau and Eldridge references in the body and footnote portions of the paragraph respectively. Since the relied upon prior art for this rejection does not include the Mousseau reference the remainder of the Applicant's remarks will be predicated on the assumption that 'Mousseau' is a typographical error.

The Examiner has characterized the Eldridge reference as teaching the "receiving ...on the wireless ...device...[a] specification specifying both a transport route to the presentation unit together with characteristics of the presentation unit..." (Office Action of 3-23-05 page 4). The Applicant respectfully rejects said characterization. In the Eldridge specification FIGS. 4-10 and the accompanying description set forth the interaction between a wireless device and the Eldridge token enabled server(s) after selection of a service on the wireless device. "Upon receipt of the service request [from the wireless device], the IR network gateway ... appends location-context information...before transmitting the received service request to the transaction server." (Eldridge at col. 11, lines 3-7). "[T]he directory server contains information that relates a particular IR transceiver...to its associated network device such as a printer..." (Eldridge at col. 4, lines 35-38). Thus the selection of a service on the wireless device did not include either the characteristics or transport route of the presentation unit proximate to the wireless device both of which were derived by the various Eldridge servers from the location-context information appended to the service request by the IR network gateway. "The directory server ...maintains a database of token-enabled devices...e.g. printer...and scanner..." (Eldridge at col. 4. lines 30-33). "...[A]vailable context information provided by the directory server..." (Eldridge at col. 10, lines 39-41).) This is

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directly contrary to the Applicant's claimed invention in which there is a direct link between the wireless device and the presentation unit by which the wireless device obtains from the presentation unit the claimed specification which includes both the transport route to and characteristics of the presentation unit.

The Examiner further characterizes the Wolff patent as teaching a system where 'a wireless communications device receives the specification information from the presentation unit" (Office Action of 3-23-05 at page 4) and has cited in support of same Wolff col 6. lines 20-31 and col. 6, line 64-col 7 line 8.

The Applicant respectfully rejects this characterization of the Wolff reference. The Wolff reference teaches an HTTP print server that interacts with web enabled clients to print HTML documents using a common web HTTP protocol. The "...print server...communicates using standard protocols" (Wolff at col 5, lines 7-8, col 6, lines 20-21)". "...Documents...may be in an HTML format upon arriving at printer server...documents to be printed is presented to printer server...in the form of a document, as opposed to rendering instructions such as a Postcript...or a binary file. " (Wolff at col 6, lines 44-52, Emphasis added). "Accordingly, it 15 is not necessary for ... browsers included with client... to code printer drivers ... "(Wolff at col. 6, lines 38-40). Thus the Wolff architecture specifically teaches away from a requirement of print drivers to drive the printer, preferring instead a common file format, i.e. HTML.

The sections of the Wolff reference cited by the Examiner indicate that the client may in certain embodiments interact with the print server even though it is unaware of the print server. In these embodiments of the Wolff invention the client does not receive any communication, let alone a specification, from the print server. "Moreover client...may interact with printer server ... even though client... is unaware of printer server. (Wolff at col 6, lines 26-28, Emphasis added). "...[C]lient transmit[s] a document request directly to server...[which] transmits the document data to printer server..." (Wolff at col 6, lines 64-66). Neither the Eldridge nor Wolff references disclose a wireless device which receives a specification from a presentation unit and forwards it to a information service provider for the conversion of a selected document to a presentation file. Amended Independent Claims 3, 8, 33 and 39 are thus believed to have been placed in a condition for allowance, for the reasons discussed above and by reason of their amendment to include the subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Dependent Claims 2,4, 5 and 7, 9-11, 41 depend from corresponding ones of allowable amended Independent Claims 3 and 8. Applicant has amended Independent Claims 33 and 39 to include the limitations found in allowable Claims 3 and 8.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that all Claims remaining for Examination 2-5, 7-11, 33-35, 39-41 have been placed in a condition for allowance, and requests that they be allowed. Early notice to this effect is solicited.

Applicant's Attorney requests an Extension of Time up to and including today's date to file this response and authorizes the charging of all fees connected therewith to Deposit Account: 50-1338.

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